

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A doctor blade device for cleaning a surface, having a doctor blade and a trough for receiving material which is wiped off from the surface by the doctor blade, wherein the doctor blade is movable ~~can be moved~~ between a position in which it protrudes from an opening in the trough and a position in which it is lowered into the trough, [[and]] wherein the trough has a closure element which, in the lowered position of the doctor blade, is capable of closing the opening, and

wherein the trough has a cylindrical chamber, about a longitudinal axis of which the closure element is rotatable.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 1 [[2]], wherein the closure element is arranged within the chamber.

4. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 1 [[2]], comprising an actuator for pivoting the doctor blade about the longitudinal axis of the chamber between the position which protrudes out of the trough and the lowered position.

5. (previously presented) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the doctor blade is deformed elastically in the lowered position.

6. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the closure element is [[can be]] pivoted by the actuator.

7. (previously presented) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the trough is provided with a feed line and a discharge line for a cleaning fluid.

8. (previously presented) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the feed line and the discharge line open into opposite end sections of the trough.

9. (previously presented) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 7, comprising a pump for circulating cleaning fluid through the trough.

10. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising wherein a control circuit for the pump, which is coupled to the position of the closure element [[and]] for controlling a throughput of the pump, wherein, when the chamber is closed, the control circuit increases the permits a higher throughput of the pump as compared to the throughput of the pump [[than]] when the chamber is open.

11. (previously presented) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 7, comprising a closed circuit for the cleaning fluid.